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Sumpter Township celebrated Mardi Gras last weekend with a party at the Sumpter PNA hall. Hundreds enjoyed food, fun and live entertainment by Funkee Station. Some of the attendees included: Peggy Morgan and Jim Posegay; Cheryl Toms and Barb Moody; Mary Furman and Chris Hamms and Steve, Christi, Chris and Lou Ann Matsos. All proceeds generated by the event will go toward the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Department.

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Lawmakers take on drug company immunity

Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer

A law that protects pharmaceutical companies against legal action from Michigan residents will soon be changed— if a few local legislators have their way.

The Michigan State House Judiciary Committee approved a package of bills to repeal a 1996 law granting legal immunity to drug companies that have their medicines approved for safety and effectiveness by the US Food and Drug Administration.

The current law bars Michigan residents from seeking legal recourse against any drug manufacturer whose products have been approved by the federal drug agency. The only exception is when the drug company intentionally deceives or bribes officials to place a product in the marketplace.

“Michigan is the only state in the nation that grants the drug industry special protections. And that is wrong,” said Rep.

Marc Corriveau (D-Northville)

Corriveau, who serves on the judiciary committee, said the immunity law gives drug companies “a free ride” in Michigan. The law also hinders the ability of state residents to access the court system, he added.

“Michigan residents deserve the same consumer protections that every other state guarantees for its citizens,” said the State Representative of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Wayne and a portion of Canton Township.

Ironically, it was a court decision in another state that caused many in the Michigan Legislature to reexamine the immunity law.

A New York federal court judge dismissed more than 187 claims made by Michigan residents against the makers of Rezulin after the diabetes drug was pulled from the shelves.

Despite evidence of the drug being responsible for thousands of cases of liver

failure and nearly 400 deaths nationwide, the judge ruled that Michigan residents had no legal claim due to the state immunity law.

That action along with the recent problems with Federal Drug Administration (FDA)-sanctioned drugs such as Bextra and Vioxx prompted the repeal proposal, said several elected state officials.

While supporting efforts to change the restrictions and add consumer protections, Rep. Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland) said he is more in agreement with making the law retroactive after meeting with his colleagues Tuesday.

LeBlanc said the retroactivity portion of the bill would only apply to those individuals involved in the previous out of state federal case. His fear was that Michigan courts would be inundated with lawsuits.

The freshman legislator said he plans to discuss the issue more with other elected officials.

Opponents of the law change fear that

the repeal will scare away pharmaceutical and biotech industries from a state already struggling with job loss.

“It would be a serious misstep for the state to repeal the law,” said Dr. Stephen Rapundalo, executive director of MICH-BIO, a non-profit life sciences, technology and research organization in Ann Arbor.

Rapundalo said the repeal would not only hurt drug companies, but manufacturers of medical devices who would be open to lawsuits. “It open up a huge can of worms,” said the former Pfizer scientist and researcher.

Rapundalo said there are safeguards already in place to protect the consumers in this state and across the nation. Federal law mandates each drug to be labeled with the side effects clearly visible. Doctors are also responsible for informing their patient on the risk of drugs, he said.

“The decision to take the drug is on the patient. It shouldn't be the manufacturer's fault unless he commits fraud.”

News in brief

Gym to help hungry

Women looking to get healthy and help others can do so at Curves in Wayne or Romulus.

Every woman who donates a bag of non-perishable food can join the gym with no service fee. All of the food will be donated to local food banks, which have seen an increase in requests because of job losses and the overall economy.

Curves of Romulus is located at 36015 Goddard Road, Suite 200. Curves of Wayne is located at 34840 Michigan Ave. West.

For more information, call the Romulus location at (734) 941-0900, or the Wayne location at (734) 722-9200.

Schools looking for “Dreamgirls”

The Detroit Theatre for the Dramatic Arts will host auditions for the blockbuster musical *Dreamgirls* at Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School.

The auditions will take place on Feb. 27 and 28 and on March 1, 6, 7 and 8. Auditions are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Students should be prepared to sing one song and present a one-to-two minute monologue or poem.

Dreamgirls requires a diverse cast of boys of and girls. Auditions are open to all students of Romulus Community Schools who are either accompanied by a parent or have written parent permission.

For more information, contact Detroit Theatre for the Dramatic Arts at (313) 964-3133.

Story time is back

Families looking for activities for children during the winter months are invited to step out of the cold and into the Romulus Public Library for pre-school story time.

Story time is geared to children ages 3 to 5 years old. Each session includes five stories, and a craft session. The library will run to separate sessions throughout February and March.

Wednesday sessions will begin at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 28. The sessions will conclude on March 28.

The sessions are free, but advances registration is required. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road, next to city hall.

For more information or to sign up, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Well - City hopes operations at Citrin site cease

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For years, the city backed lawsuits to halt operations at the site. The Citrin Road facility will treat up to 400,000 gallons of liquid waste per day.

The license obtained by EDS indicated it has authorization to store 11,000 gallons of waste from containers, 93,000 gallons in tanker vehicles and another 237,000 in tanks.

Since the leaks were discov-

ered, there has been no activity at the site. Any new operator would have to address all of the issues that the MDEQ discovered before they could accept any waste.

If no new operator steps forward, the state will enact a procedure to seal the wells. The monies to pay for that were set aside by the investors according to state law, to protect taxpayers from having to pay to clean an environmentally-challenged parcel of land.

That would leave the city with a huge parcel of land that could be developed, but not without issues.

“Redeveloping that land would be a challenge for us because of what's already there, but we're getting ahead of ourselves,” Keyes said. “Right now, were just trying to get more information from the pension fund to see if there could be another operator.”

“Our focus is on the what's happening right now,” he said.



Wick staff members who contributed to the Blue Ribbon award are (top row, left to right) Tom Dolan, Ed Clark, ShaVonna Johnson. Carl Weiss and Karensa Fitch. In the bottom row are (left to right) Gail McGee, Donna Cahalay, Randall Elementary School principal Diane Alley, Caroline Patts and Anne Renard.

Ribbon

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progress by measuring benchmarks to create a better picture of how a student understands the material being studied.

Another program that the district was recognized for was “Body Phonics,” a complex collection of movements that are tied to reading to encourage literacy as well as physical fitness.

The school was assessed during visits from members of the Blue Ribbon visitation team. Diane Alley, the principal of Randall Elementary in

Taylor and a member of the team, said she was pleased with the overall tone at the school.

“I was impressed with the students being on task in all of the classrooms we visited,” she said. “I also really liked the three computer labs and the Body Phonics program.”

Karensa Fitch, the chairperson of the Romulus Blue Ribbon team, said Wick demonstrated effectiveness during a test score evaluation – which included placing Michigan Education Assessment Test scores and Adequate Yearly Progress information under microscope. She then generated a 50-page report, which was submitted to the Michigan

Department of Education for consideration for the award.

Staff members at Wick also put in a lot of hours hosting the visits, which makes the win more worthwhile, said ShaVonna Johnson, the principal of Wick.

“We're extremely pleased to receive this high honor,” she said. “Our staff, students and parents here at Wick are great to work with.”

In 2005, Barth Elementary School was awarded a Blue Ribbon.

The Romulus Community School District was one of only two districts in western Wayne County to receive two ribbons in a three-year span.

Consultant

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numerical proficiency.

On a recent visit, he covered using an abacus – or a visual calculator made up of beads and rods – to teach students how to add and subtract.

“Many times, students can learn a lot about math concepts by visualizing the beads on the abacus,” he said. “This really helps them to understand what they're figuring out on their math problem sheets.”

The RESA funding is made available to schools that have

shown a commitment improving their learning environment, as evidenced through test scores. The money RESA provides the school pays for Sorenson's services, and the cost incurred by the district when a teacher leaves his or her classroom to attend workshops.

Scores on the MEAP test for 2006 were the highest ever received by the school and West said extras like the grant funding helped them achieve that feat.

“We try very hard to help our students become successful learners, and this is evidence that we are succeeding,” she said.

OPINION

Time for optimism

There were a few positive things that came out of the goals session hosted by the Wayne City Council on Monday night.

There were talks of cooperation with other cities, a frank discussion of finances as well as the underlying belief that this budget year, while difficult, won't be as bad as last year.

There was also talk about an expected \$700,000 budget shortfall climbing a little higher, should the city have to contribute more to the retirement system than initially thought. Even if Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan to hold cities harmless with her proposal to change the personal property tax assessment for businesses, it will still cost the City of Wayne about \$40,000, too.

Well, it's a good thing to know now, rather than later.

One of the positives that came out of the meeting was the concept of working with other municipalities on health care issues. The concept is that if municipalities form a pool to pay for health care, they'll get better rates because they'll represent more people. Officials in the City of Wayne have already received some interest in this from Westland, Garden City and Plymouth. They've also talked about working with other municipalities no matter where they are—because this is something where geographical boundaries don't really matter.

Last year, one of the most difficult things the council dealt with during the budget year was the treatment of retirees. Pondering a change in benefits after someone has worked for you for 25 years or more was a political minefield that they won't have to go through this year. City Manager John Zech has said that no changes would be proposed during the budget this year. That's a good thing, too.

We're most encouraged, though, by the concept that new Westland Mayor Bill Wild is willing to discuss the insurance issue as well as other ways the two cities can cooperate. There needs to be more regionalization efforts promoted in Wayne and Westland, and there are plenty of opportunities for the communities to get together and help each other out.

As the State of Michigan slowly recovers from a dire economic situation, municipalities may not necessarily share geographical borders. They do, however, share the same financial constraints. It should provide common ground for some forward fiscal thinking.

A lesson to be learned

It wouldn't be surprising if a lot of municipal officials paid attention to the Plymouth-Canton Community School District bond vote on Tuesday.

The district had two bond issues rejected last year and quickly went back to the table to come up with a \$62.1 million counterproposal—roughly half of what they asked for last year.

Of the two 2006 requests, the one that centered around academics was rejected by a much slimmer margin than the one that would have addressed athletic and arts needs in the district, which is the fourth largest in the State of Michigan.

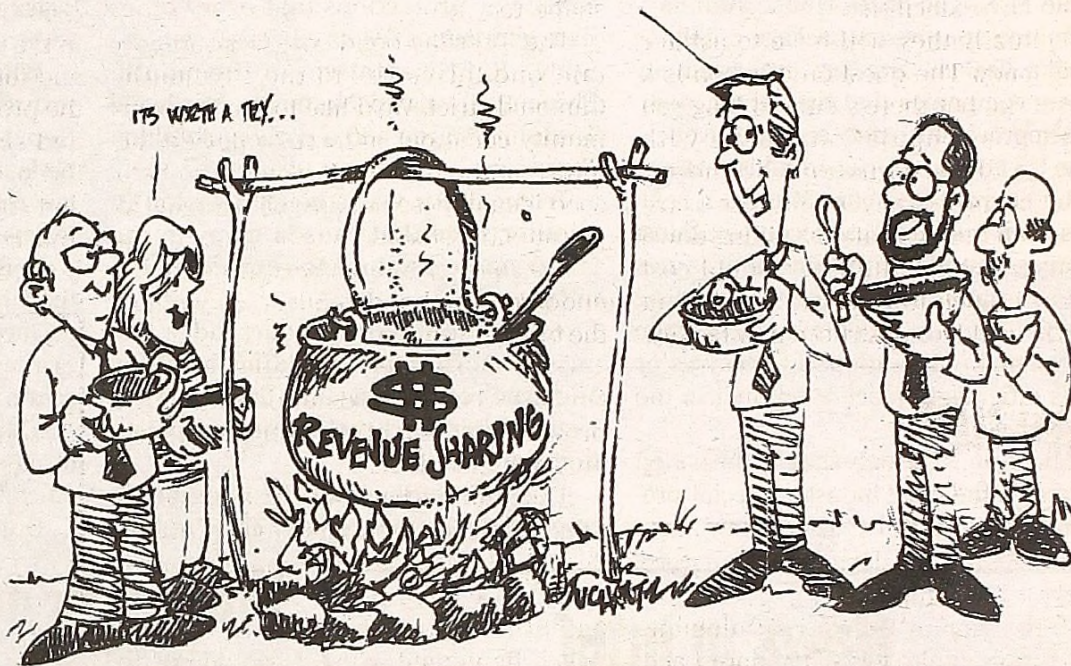
Taking from that the lesson that district voters are more willing to approve something based on need rather than the concept of what district officials want—no matter if that as an accurate depiction—district officials came back with a proposal that would virtually solely address the academic facility needs of a still-growing community.

It will provide a good test for other municipalities who are weighing the 'needs versus wants' argument of tax requests.

Officials in the Northville Public School District also pushed two bond requests last year. They're not asking for another anytime

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IF EVERYONE PUT ENOUGH IN, THERE SHOULD BE
MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE!!



Thieves can't steal 'magic'

By publication deadline Tuesday, Mark Rosenthal, owner of Animal Magic in Sumpter Township, had not gotten his three missing exotic animals back to his animal sanctuary.

Last week, his two-toed sloth, Seven, a wallaby named Pogo and an albino Argentine horned frog named Jabba were stolen in the middle of the night.

There have been no leads as to who would do something like this, but Rosenthal has his own ideas.

"It's either one of three things," he said. "The obvious one would be for a profit, but you can't sell these animals to just anyone. Another idea is for drugs. Maybe someone owes someone and in trade would give them the animals, but that's just a speculation. A third—but hopefully not—is for a cult or satanic reasons."

The animals may not be a big deal to some people, but to Rosenthal they're part of the family. He raised Pogo since he was a baby, bottle feeding him and letting him sleep in a playpen in his bedroom. Seven has been part of the family for more than five years.

"They're my babies," Rosenthal said. "They can't be replaced."

Not everyone knows how to take care of these wild creatures either. All of them have a special

diet and climate requirements. Rosenthal, who is licensed by the government to handle and breed exotic animals, knows how to care for them correctly.

"I've been doing this for more than 26 years and this is the first—and hopefully the last—time animals have ever been stolen," he said.

As part of Animal Magic, Rosenthal puts on educational shows with the animals, who can also be seen in area festivals and even TV appearances. Animal Magic is still performing, however, missing three of its stars.

"It's either someone who knows me, been out to the sanctuary or maybe it's just someone who has seen the show," said Rosenthal. "I'm just really worried because these animals are not handable."

Despite the grim chances that the animals are alive, Rosenthal said he's still optimistic.

"In my heart I want to believe they're still alive, but my gut is saying Pogo, the wallaby, is no longer with us," he said. "I'm not giving up hope, though."

A reward is being offered for the safe return of Seven, Pogo and Jabba and, if that doesn't happen, the reward will go toward new animals.

Anyone who has any information or who would like to donate can do so at www.iwantanimalmagic.com or (313) 819-5719.



Verdict confirms racism...but by city

Let's get this straight, right now: Inkster didn't lose the discrimination lawsuit last week because Deputy Police Chief Gregory Hill committed perjury on the stand at Federal Court.

Did the fact that Hill lied about his educational credentials help the city's case? No, absolutely not.

Inkster came out on the losing end of Thomas Diaz vs. the City of Inkster because officials discriminated against a veteran police officer.

And that's not opinion, it's not conjecture on the part of anyone at this newspaper; it was proven in the eyes of court. A jury of eight peers found the city to be using practices in hiring and promotions that were racist—there's just no other way to say it. The evidence supported that conclusion.

No one can say it was because of bad rulings by U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman—the rulings he made were mostly in favor of the city.

In a city where the finger of racism has often been pointed in various directions, including at the media, the people who have shouted the loudest are having it pointed back at them, and they, meaning the city administration and it's elected council, don't like it.

But they brought it on themselves—that became evident as the six-day trial at the Theodore Levin Courthouse in Detroit lurched forward.

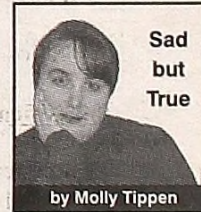
Job applications with the race of the applicant clearly noted were presented as evidence.

Testimony was given that former City Manager Robert Gordon sought out an African American patrolman who formerly worked for the city about the job while Diaz, who is Hispanic and a lieutenant, was rejected.

The fact that Gordon asked the Inkster Police Detective Bureau to do a background check on four final candidates after he had already hired Marvin Winkler as chief, revealed that the entire selection process was a ruse. And racial notations by their names on a document were not required for a Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) check, despite claims of city officials.

The proven fact that the city council members continued to back Winkler when time and again they were told that there were problems in the department, and that officers felt there were differences in discipline based on the fact that they were not black weighed against Inkster.

The fact that Diaz and other union officials asked City Manager Joyce Parker to independently investi-



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soon—members of the school board and the administration have said so—but they are still dealing with many of the same issues facing the Plymouth-Canton district, namely a growing population base and aging facilities.

Eventually they will have to ask for more money. The question of when is a little murky, but there's only so long you can address population growth with portable classrooms and boundary changes—particularly when your transportation building is almost falling down and other school buildings would cost almost as much to renovate for student use as it would to construct a new facility.

Lawsuit

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gate Winkler and the department, but were turned away, was revealed.

Councilwoman DeArtriss Coleman-Richardson was also told of the unrest and officers begged her to look into the allegations, and that never happened.

Testimony was presented that a conversation took place between council members stating that Colwell's successor should be African American.

All of this evidence added up, and the picture that emerged was a police department with too much political interference when it comes time to make key appointments, and too much disinterest when it comes to tackling issues that are difficult to deal with.

If the council doesn't want to step up when things are difficult, they need to butt out and leave policing to Chief

The bond request may prove a good test of the waters for other communities, too. The City of Wayne is pushing a road and sidewalk improvement millage—definitely a need, rather than a want—yet tax requests of any kind in this economic climate are dicey. Their request was approved by only 10 votes the last time it was asked for more than 10 years ago, when the economy was in a little better shape, too.

The Tuesday bond vote is an important one for voters in the Plymouth-Canton district. We'd like to see the community come out in force to decide the future of the district. It would also be a good idea if those not directly involved to pay attention, too.

The Journal Newspapers has strongly endorsed the bond request, as we had the two last year.

Gregory Gaskin, who called the entire proceeding "one of the worst weeks in my professional life."

A secretary who works for the city testified that, even to this day, race is still on documents. This needs to halt, immediately, to avoid further lawsuits. One potential lawsuit – regarding a white police lieutenant who was subjected in 2005 to a department reconstruction simply to remove him from his job – was averted after his position was restored. But the situation shows that problems continue. And no one at the highest level of city government can say they didn't know about it.

There are already whispers of retribution against Diaz and those who testified in court; and it needs to stop – the city is already responsible for \$100,000 in legal fees that it can't afford.

Residents and employees need to ask the council and administration to do what they've asked of others.

They need to be colorblind.

Chamber seeks auction sponsors

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking sponsors for the annual auction which also benefits the Belleville Band Boosters.

Sponsorship opportunities include: the Cha-Cha, which is \$150 and recognition for the program; the Stroll, which is \$350 and two VIP passes and recognition in the program; the Swing, which is \$500 and four VIP passes and recognition in the program; the Twist, a \$1,000 donation and six VIP passes and recognition in the program; the Bop, which is \$2,500 and eight VIP passes, name on the table and recognition in the program, the Pony, which is \$5,000, 10 VIP passes, name on the table, name on the inside of the cover program and recognition as an event sponsor. Gift donations will also be accepted for the event.

The 'Rock Around the Clock' auction will take place on May 4. General tickets are \$50 per person. Funds generated from the event will go toward the chamber building and the Belleville Marching Tigers band uniforms.

All contributors of \$350 or more are invited to a VIP party from 5-6 p.m. on May 4 at the Holiday Inn Express in Belleville for complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drinks. For more information, contact the chamber at (734) 697-7151.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and of a Scoping Meeting for the Romulus Hotel and Casino Project, Romulus, MI

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency, with the Hannahville Tribe of Potawatomi Indians (Tribe) as a cooperating agency, intends to gather information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed hotel and casino project to be located on 9.8 acres of a 24.8-acre parcel owned by the Tribe in Romulus, Michigan. The purpose of the proposed action is to help address the socioeconomic needs of the Tribe. This notice also announces a public scoping meeting to identify public and agency concerns and alternatives to be considered in the EIS. The Tribe's application seeks to have a portion of the off-reservation parcel taken into trust pursuant to Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act and implementing regulations in 25 CFR Part 151, and requests a Secretarial determination pursuant to Section 20(b)(1)(A) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act that a proposed gaming establishment on the parcel would be in the best interest of the Tribe and its members, and not detrimental to the surrounding community. We are aware that some members of the public have expressed concerns about off-reservation gaming. In this case, the parcel is located over 450 miles from the Tribe's reservation. We are soliciting and will consider accommodating the views of elected officials (State, county, city, etc.) and community members in the local areas as part of our decision-making process. We also plan a more detailed consideration of the broad implications associated with new gaming operations within established communities where gaming is not currently conducted.

DATES: The public hearing will be held March 8, 2007, starting at 7:00 p.m. and continuing until all those who wish to make statements have been heard. Written comments on the scope and implementation of this proposal must arrive by March 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The public scoping meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Detroit Metro Airport, 8000 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. It will be co-hosted by the BIA and the Tribe. You may mail or hand-carry written comments to Terrance L. Virden, Regional Director, Midwest Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, One Federal Drive, Room 550, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota 55111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Doig (612) 713-4514

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project is located on a 24.8-acre site in the City of Romulus, Michigan. The site is situated north of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, approximately 0.5 miles north of Interstate 94 and 20 miles east of Detroit, Michigan. As part of the project, the U.S. Department of the Interior, on behalf of the Tribe, would take 9.8 acres of the 24.8-acre project site into Federal trust. In addition to the proposed action, a reasonable range of alternatives, which will include a no-action alternative and may include an on-reservation alternative, will be considered during the NEPA compliance process.

The Tribe consists of approximately 780 members. A Tribal Council, under a federally approved constitution, governs tribal affairs. The Tribe presently has approximately 5,800 acres of land on the upper peninsula of the State of Michigan in trust with the U.S. Government and is eligible to acquire additional land to be placed in trust.

Public Comment Availability: Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing address shown in the ADDRESSES section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority: This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE 2007 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, (Lower Level) Community Room, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll.

Meeting dates are as follows:

	Residential
March 12, 2007:	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
March 13, 2007:	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

	Commercial/Industrial
March 14, 2007:	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Commercial	50%	1.0000
Industrial	50%	1.0000
Residential	50%	1.0000
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Review is by appointment only

Residents and Non-Residents alike may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board OR (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review **MUST** receive all written appeals no later than March 14, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. All Representatives or Agents **MUST** submit (current) proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment, please call the City of Romulus, Department of Assessment at (734) 942-7520 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Senior spotlight

Center hosts 'Newlywed Game'

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Charles and Frances Hutchison of Van Buren Township are not newlyweds.

They've been married for more than 50 years and, at this point, they think they know everything there is to know about each other. That is until they played the "Newlywed Game."

"I know a lot about him and I'm not sure if it was not knowing him, but more of a difference in opinions and, my memory of the situations," said Frances Hutchison. "After all these years, though, you forget about certain things, but then you get to remember them again. Now, this is something else for us to remember."

Instead of flowers and candy, four area couples spent their Valentines Day battling it out in a competition of who knows who better. Fashioned after the television hit show "The Newlywed Game," the September Days Senior Center in Van Buren Township staff decided to host their own version recently in honor of the holiday.

"It was a blast," said Linda Combs, director of the senior center. "One couple hardly knew anything, which made it hilarious."

"Newlyweds"—Jerry and Janet Moran, Jim and Flo Britt, Ray and Dorothy Bailey and the Hutchisons—were asked a series of

questions, while more than 50 audience members watched to see just how well the couples really know each other.

"It didn't really matter if the couples had the answers or not, we just had fun doing it," said Combs.

Some of the questions included: Where did you meet? Where was your first date? What is your favorite food? Where were you when he proposed? And, what was the worst vacation you ever had?

"We lost it on the worst vacation," Hutchison said. "However, he (Charles) did remember the date he gave me my engagement ring and that surprised me."

"You think you know someone after 46 years, but I guess you forget things, too," said Dorothy Bailey.

The Morans, who have been married for 23 years, won first place and dinner for two at the Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor. The second place winners were the Brittts, who took home a dinner for two at Applebee's for their 11 years of marriage-knowledge. The Hutchisons won third place and dinner at Big Boy, while the Baileys came in last winning a dinner at McDonald's.

"We were low on the totem pole, but we had a wonderful time," Dorothy Bailey said. "At our age we could use a good laugh. I'd do it again, except maybe next time we'd talk a little more and study up."

Firefighters plan fundraiser

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

For 12 years, 34-year-old Todd Stanaway of Warren has worked as a firefighter with the Westland Fire Department.

Then problems—including confusion and slurred speech—developed almost out of nowhere. His wife, Julie, convinced him to consult a doctor, but the answer wasn't what anyone was hoping for.

Stanaway was diagnosed brain cancer, a particularly virulent form known as Glioblastoma Multiforme Grade 4.

That was about a month ago, according to Keith Barthauer of the Westland Fire Department. Since then Stanaway—who has a 4-year-old daughter—has been to surgery twice to remove the tumor. The first surgery took place about two weeks ago at Beaumont Hospital and, after six hours of surgery, 95 percent of the tumor was removed. A second surgery shortly thereafter cleared out the rest of the tumor. Intensive treatments to prevent the cancer from reoccurring are expected to begin later this month.

Carl Laubach, who joined the Westland Fire Department at the same time as Stanaway, has been a close friend as well as a coworker.

"We lived near each other—we rode in together for about six months," he said. "Our daughters are the same age. He and I have been very close."

Although trying to remain upbeat, he still recalls the shock of learning that his friend and co-worker had cancer and that the survival rates were very low.

"He was always just the healthiest guy," he said. "You wouldn't pick him out to have cancer. Hopefully, he'll be one of the success stories—one of the guys who beat it."

Laubach and Barthauer are among the many firefighters in the Westland department rallying to help Stanaway and his family so that they can focus on combating the cancer. One way of doing that has been to donate time—a proposal embraced by virtually the entire department.

"The chief let us donate up to 24 hours of

sick time," Barthauer said. "He's covered for about nine months."

However, they also wanted to help Stanaway and his family long-term and that takes money. Members of the Westland Fire Department and the Westland Firefighters Charity Committee will host a benefit to raise money for Stanaway from 6 p.m. to midnight on March 10 at the Westland Friendship Center at 1119 Newburgh Road, just south of Ford Road in Westland.

For a \$25 donation, participants will be able to enjoy music from a live band and a DJ, silent auctions, raffles, and refreshments including beer and wine.

"We're trying to keep it positive," Barthauer said. "It's just incredible what folks are doing. It gives you a little faith in people."

Laubach, too, marveled at the support they've already received, from the entertainment to donations of items like sports tickets, signed Red Wings jerseys, and Michigan State University memorabilia—Stanaway grew up in Lansing and is "a huge MSU fan."

The money generated will be used by the family to offset any costs that occur, including travel costs to get Stanaway into special trials or studies, if necessary.

"Because of his age, he is very eligible for a lot of studies and clinical trials," Laubach said.

The word has spread, Barthauer said, and now the department is searching for as many participants as possible. Although he said that the news was "faxed out and emailed out to every fire department in the country" and that they expect that other departments will do what they can to help a fellow firefighter, most of that help will need to come from closer to home.

"We're hoping to get 500 people for dinner," he said.

Anyone interested in attending the event should contact Barthauer at (734) 788-9449 or send their donation to the Westland Firefighters, P.O. Box 858187, Westland MI 48185. Donations are also being accepted. Information is also available online at www.westlandfirefighters.com.



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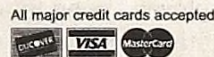


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Music and Lyrics

Separate, but equal, reviewers enjoy romantic comedy film

Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

He said

Welcome to the first-ever Journal “He said, She said” movie review. I’m sure most of you are expecting the ‘He,’ in this case a sports writer—a predominantly masculine-dominated profession—to completely dismantle, as any guy might, the newly released romantic comedy *Music and Lyrics*.

So was I. However, I just can’t do it. As hard as I tried to find fault with the predictable, unbelievably sappy and completely unoriginal comedy, I just couldn’t. And as much as I want to tear it apart, I just can’t.

Music and Lyrics is gooey and sweet like any movie that opens on the most romantic of all Hallmark holidays, Valentine’s Day, should be. But most of all, it was funny.

Like most of the guys in the theater on the finest of all couples’ days. I was toted there in-hand by my wife. It didn’t help that I promised to take her. So either I go, and try to enjoy, or spend the rest of the evening remodeling the “dog house” for an extended stay...again.

However, I was pleasantly surprised at how the mismatched couple of Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore harmonized in such a humorous way.

Grant, with his dry British wit and everlasting boyish good looks (so my wife thinks), has impeccable comedic timing. With that, he saves a movie that would have fallen under the 18 wheels of the truck often driven by this reviewer. Instead I put things in park for once and just enjoyed.

He plays Alex Fletcher, a washed up 80s pop star—formerly of a band rightfully named Pop!—and is forced to entertain on the nostalgic circuit at theme parks and county fairs. Alex dons pants tight enough to make any member of Wham blush and pulls out hip-replacing worthy dance moves that only mothers of teenagers who yearn for the return of big-hair and neon-fabric days can appreciate.

Alex, despite watching the success of the former Pop! lead singer who rises to mega stardom, seems content in his posh apartment. However, he is offered a chance to climb back onto the charts if he can write a song for the reigning princess of pop, Cora Corman (Haley Bennett)—a hysterical (and scantily clad) caricature of all of today’s out-of-touch-with-reality music stars. My counterpart forcing her opinion across the page at right believes the nearly naked icon was brilliant marketing scheme to get us unwilling gentleman into the theater. Although I would like to believe otherwise, she’s probably right.

The problem is Alex only has until week’s end to write the song, which he hasn’t done in years. And he isn’t a lyricist.

Enter the cute and quirky Drew Barrymore, who seems to have a fondness for playing characters that fall for 80s singers (think Adam Sandler in *The Wedding Singer*). She just happens to play cute and quirky Sophie Fisher, Alex’s substitute “plant lady.” Alex notices Sophie’s flair for words and immediately tries to enlist her in his efforts. She reluctantly accepts. From there the chemistry heats up at and under the piano.

The rest goes as expected but expect to laugh a lot during *Music and Lyrics*. Yes, even you men.

She said

Reviewed By
Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

With *Music and Lyrics*, I expected Hollywood veterans Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore to make beautiful music together, romantic comedy fashion.

From the first scenes, I was hooked. It came as a blast from the past to watch Alex (Hugh Grant) and his band mate, Colin, performing in an 80s music video, complete with big hair, outlandish outfits, and unabashedly cheesy music. Even though POP! is a fictitious band, the video looks like something that would have been in heavy rotation when MTV was new. (For those too young to remember, MTV did show music videos almost nonstop once upon a time.)

Then Colin, deciding that Alex is only holding him back, leaves the band for a successful solo career while Alex’s career fizzles. Fast-forwarding about 20 years, Alex is still clinging to the tattered remains of his career when a golden opportunity is sent his way by the latest teen queen of the music scene, Cora (Haley Bennett). A Pop! fan, the Shakira wannabe wants a special song commemorating her break-up with her boyfriend and she wants Alex to write it—but she needs in only days.

If he can do it, Alex’s career will almost certainly be resurrected, but he’s not a lyricist—he can’t do it alone. As the problem drives him to desperation, a random comment by his weird and disconcerting back-up plant waterer, Sophie (Drew Barrymore) convinces him that, although untrained, she is the lyricist he’s been looking

for

Although fairly cookie-cutter romantic comedy hijinks begin, it’s still fun. He doesn’t want to be attracted to her, she doesn’t want to be attracted to him, and her happily married sister (Kristen Johnston) is insanely jealous that Sophie is dating the former teen heartthrob. But all they’re doing is writing a song together, right?

With toils and snafus galore, the duo suddenly find themselves a couple—but love is never that easy. Their song—which she treats as her baby—is destined to be butchered by Cora. She has a problem with it, he doesn’t as long as the check clears, and chaos ensues.

The only discordant part note in the film is Barrymore. She isn’t playing her usual vivacious girl-next-door in this movie and it shows. There is little, if any, chemistry between her and Grant, which makes it hard to fully immerse in the film. It’s still pretty good, but she’s like a Stepford wife: she looks right, she says the right things, but it’s just “off” somehow.

I also got a little tired of what I suspect was a conscious effort to improve the film’s attraction for men: Cora’s wardrobe. It was an interesting choice to have her dressed in an Eve costume when she tempted him with her offer, but honestly, did it really need to be scanty enough to make a Vegas showgirl blush? The trend continues all movie long and, although I get the basic message, it just gets ridiculous.

The bottom line is although the film seemed a little too *Notting Hill*—not to mention predictable—at some points, Grant saves it from becoming a completely forgettable film. It may not end up in the video collection, but it’s definitely worth a watch.



THE SCENE

Poorly written script stalls Ghost Rider

Ghost Rider, I hardly knew ye.

The Marvel Comics character and his story became the latest to be adapted for the big screen and it's easy to see why. A skeletal biker leaving a trail of flame in his wake, wielding hellfire and blasting criminals with the gaze of penitence? What could be cooler than that? A lot, as it turns out.

Ghost Rider

never lives up to the potential of the long-running but sporadically printed comic. Fans of his earlier incarnations will be disappointed by this lackluster flick and newcomers will probably be confused.

There's a lot not to like about the film, which stars Nicolas Cage as Johnny Blaze/Ghost Rider, but let's start with the script.

Mark Steven Johnson, who produced some earlier comic book adaptations (*Daredevil* sticks out, because it was horrible, too), has a larger role in this as both writer and director.

The basic concept of the film is this: a young Johnny sells his

soul to the devil (a thoroughly unconvincing Peter Fonda), to cure the cancer that's killing his father. The cancer goes away, but the dad dies anyway. Johnny must then live with the knowl-

edge of his curse at the back of his mind. He goes on to become a successful stunt rider.

More trouble comes in the form of Blackheart (Wes

Bentley) a demon or minor devil or something that is searching for a different contract with which he will make a hell on earth that he can rule. He and his minions—The Hidden, demons named Grissel, Wallow and Abigor—search half-heartedly for the scroll.

Mephistopheles can't have someone else in control, so he calls on his contract with Blaze, turning him into a Devil's bounty hunter. He gives him the task of sending Blackheart back to Hell.

Blaze is aided along the way by the 'mysterious' caretaker (Sam Elliott), who knows more than he lets on. He faces other cliches, too, such as the girl he

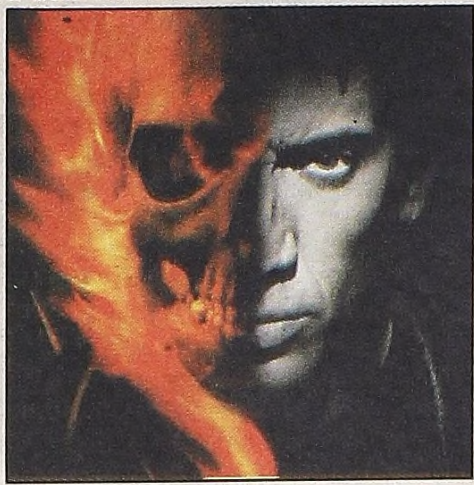
hasn't seen in 15 years yet is still in love with. There are the typical scenes of Johnny coming to terms with his newfound abilities—although finding out about it one day and learning to control it the next seems a bit of a stretch. And yes, there's a scene with a hapless police officer and a radar gun. Surprise, surprise.

In fact there were so many cliches sprinkled throughout the movie that it made my head hurt.

Consider this line: "Stick to the shadows." It's cheesy enough, but when it's directed at a character who lives a trail of fire a mile long and has flames spouting from his hands and skull, it's just ridiculous. Stick to the shadows? The guy's a walking torch! How will shadows help? Face it Johnny, stealth shouldn't be your

strong suit.

There is a lot of potential in the *Ghost Rider* character; interesting places where moral ambiguity and religion can be examined. This film just doesn't bother to flesh them out. Maybe, with a well-known cast and the allure of special effects, Johnson just didn't care.



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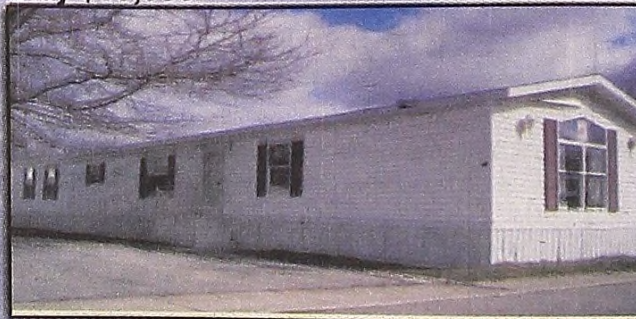
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SPORTS

Glenn sails through Lakes, 10-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's official.

The John Glenn is the best basketball team on the Lakes side of the Western Lakes conference.

The rockets finished division play last week, blasting their way through the regular season conference schedule undefeated, 10-0. They were 13-4 overall—winning 11 straight games.

"We feel pretty good," said first-year Glenn Coach Dan Young. "We just have to be ready for the playoffs this week. We have to step it up and keep it going."

The quest for the Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament championship crown kicked off on Tuesday. Glenn faced off against Walled Lake Western at home in the first round but the results were unavailable at press time.

Glenn finished off the regular season with a 68-55 victory over host Livonia Stevenson on Friday.

It was business as usual.

The two teams were knotted at 11 after the first quarter. Glenn raced ahead by 10 at the half and pulled away in the third to secure the win.

The Rockets dominated from the perimeter, hitting nine triples.

Junior forward Stefan Marken accounted for five of them. He finished with game-leading 25 points and 11 boards. Sophomore Austin Anderson hit two and senior Cordarryl Jones and junior Earl Hardison each knocked down one.

Glenn's outside game has been the team's most improved area the last few weeks.

"That's without a question," Young said. "A lot of different guys are able to make the shots. We've been patient, moving the ball well and shooting well. Stevenson came out and wanted to take away our drivers so we pushed the ball outside. We basically took what the defense gave us."

Junior Keshawn Martin added 13 points on the night and Anderson, 12.

Young also got production inside from his big 6-foot-8 junior Jordan Manier and 6-foot-3 sophomore Dorian Prahter.

"They gave us great match-ups inside," Young said. "Rob Jones has also been solid for us like he was all year."

The Rockets saw similar success from the perimeter when they beat host Salem, 61-53, last Tuesday.

The Rocks battled the Rockets to a 26-26 half-time score. Then Glenn stepped back and opened fire, hitting five triples in the second half to pull away. Marken drilled three of them. He led the team with 16. Martin added 14 and Hardison, 12.

"They were zoning us a lot and we just hit our shots," Young said. "We had to play good defense, too. We got a lot of offense from our defense."

It's playoff time and any team can beat any team and that's how Young looks at it.

"We're going in with the idea that we're the underdog," he said. "We're excited but we know that there are a lot of good teams out there."

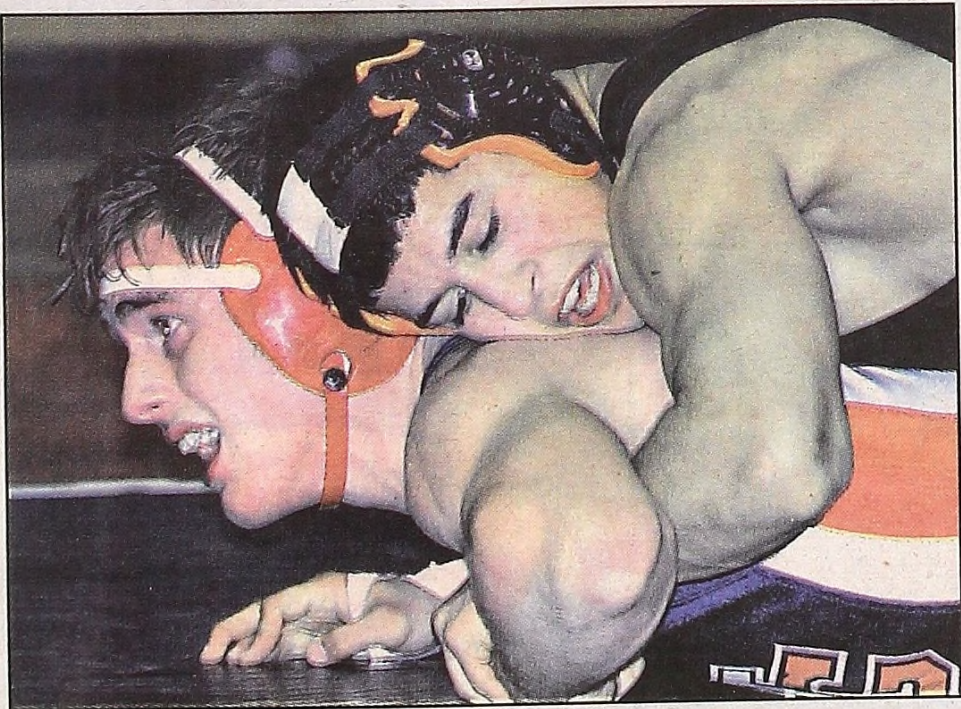
More sports

Wayne finished out the regular season with two home wins last week. The Zebras beat **Plymouth**, 63-49, last Tuesday and Walled Lake Western, 52-50, on Friday. Mike Lee led the team with 16 points in both games, including the winning basket with two seconds left against Western. John Hill added 13 points and 13 rebounds in the game. Jeremy Lovelady scored 13 and had 14 rebounds against Plymouth.

Brandon Roberts scored 15 and Jake Hager 15 for the Wild Cats. Roberts led Plymouth with 17 on Friday to beat Franklin, 55-53. Dan Jeong added 12.

Belleville lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer, 60-47, on Friday. Anthony Wafer scored 10 for the Tigers.

Romulus lost to Taylor Truman, 68-66, on Friday. Dominique Buckley led the Eagles with 16.



Wrestle mania

Last week some of the best wrestlers in the area gathered for district competition at John Glenn High School. Belleville wrestler Wassim El-Awadi (above, top) won the district title in his weight class (160) by upsetting Woodhaven's Darin Tims (not pictured) in the finals match on Saturday. Above, El-Awadi beat Glenn's Scott Brown, who finished third overall. For a list of all winners go to www.journal-group.com. Photo by Ken Garner



Northville's Alvin Storrs splits two Canton defenders, Josh Butler (32) and Neil Sharma, in the Mustangs' 39-31 win that captured the Western Division title on Friday. Storrs finished with 23 points to lead all scorers.

Storrs leads Northville past Canton

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs had their eye set on—at the least—sharing the Western Division title, but the Northville Mustangs had something else in "Storrs" for the home team on Friday night.

Alvin Storrs scored 23 points for the Mustangs—16 of them in the second half—to lift Northville over Canton, 39-31, and win the division outright.

After trailing through the first half and down 18-11 at the top of the third, Canton finally got things going.

Senior center Ryan Waidmann made a nice move inside for a layup. Senior forward Deverone Jackson, in for an injured Steve Paye, added a deuce. Then junior forward Neil Sharma hit a shot, falling down, and followed with a triple to give his Chiefs the first and only lead of the contest, 20-18.

At that point Northville senior guard, Storrs—arguably the best player in the Western Lakes conference—took matters into his own hands. He led his Mustangs on a 7-1 run and put them on top for good. Storrs was the only Mustang that scored in the frame, hitting for 10—including an effortless triple to open the quarter.

Up to that point, Storrs only scored seven in the first 16 minutes of play—due to an excellent defensive effort by Canton's senior guard Josh Butler.

"He got mad," said Northville Coach Darrel Schumacher of Storrs' third-quarter performance. "Josh Butler is an exceptional defender in himself plus their team plays great defense. Josh frustrated the heck out of Alvin; there's no doubt about that. We were trying to create more back screens for more opportunities to get him loose."

Storrs admitted to the frustration.

"This is one of the best defense that we face and Josh is tough to play against," he said. "Sometimes I want to win so bad I get down when I don't get calls I think I should. But my teammates help me get

A lot of those points were from my teammates passing it to me."

Storrs scored the team's first four points in the final stanza and made two free throws down the stretch to help cap the win. He finished with a game-high 23 points.

Canton turned the ball over early and often in the paint during the first quarter—mistakes Northville capitalized on for an early 10-4 lead.

In the fourth, Canton missed several easy shots.

"We just didn't score enough points," said Canton Coach Charlie Paye. "We held them to maybe 15 or 16 points below their average and we made Alvin work hard. We've done that in two games now—Josh did a great job on him. We're just not scoring enough right now. We missed a lot of easy shots in the second half that were momentum killers."

Sharma led the Chiefs with 13.

This isn't the end of the Northville-Canton epic. There could possibly be two more chapters in this story. The conference tournament started this week and if all of the chips fall right, the two teams could face each other for the tournament championship next Wednesday. After that is district competition, where the Chiefs and Mustangs could battle each other for that crown.

"We said at the start of the year that we would probably face them four times this year," Schumacher said. "I think they're pretty good. I think they have every opportunity to be in the conference finals and I hope that we can get there. And I hope we'll play them in the districts."

Northville opened conference playoffs at home against Stevenson on Tuesday. Canton is home against cross-campus rival Salem at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Other playoff games include: Wayne at Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western at John Glenn.

Results were unavailable at press time.

SPORTS

A 'Perfect step above the rest

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

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The other thing that sets Perfect Play apart from other basketball training facilities is the level of expert training the students get.

"We bring in pros," said Scott Samulski, a tutor and high school freshman (John Glenn) and junior varsity (Canton) coach. "At other places, like Basketball Planet, you don't know who is going to run their clinics. We pride ourselves on when we do put on clinics and events we have the right people teaching it. Teaching is the biggest part especially for the younger ages at the high school level."

The organization was started about a year and a half ago by former NBA star Brandon Williams, who has played for teams like San Antonio, Golden State, Atlanta and New York—winning a championship with the Spurs (1998-99).

Also on hand for clinics and special sessions is former NBA superstar Grant Long, who finished his illustrious 14-year career with 9,518 total points and 6,154 total rebounds for teams like Atlanta (in two separate stints), Detroit, Vancouver, Memphis, and Boston Celtics.

Jimmy King is also a part of Perfect Play's collection of super pros. He had an outstanding college career at the University of Michigan, leaving as second in steals in the university's history. He also had a 10-year pro career playing in the NBA, Europe and the CBA and NBADL minor leagues.

Although Williams, Long and King are available but not always on hand, Perfect Play is left in good hands—Coleman's and a slue of other excited and knowledgeable tutors.

Coleman played at Oakland Community College and Lincoln Memorial University before starting a professional career that spanned nine years and much of

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Perfect Play Inc. tutor Theresa Machon readies students for game time at High Velocity on Saturday. Troy Coleman, the director of player development (in back) helps.

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Comments concerning the test procedures can be registered by calling (734) 753-2202. For questions concerning the test, please contact: Annette Davis at Annette.Davis@faa.gov.

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Effective March 28, 2007, the following channel changes will be made to the Comcast lineup in the following communities:

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SPORTS

Flying high

Romulus Eagle track coaches receive honors

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's an honor to have one coach in the school district nominated for Coach of the Year—let alone two.

At Romulus Senior High School, the Eagles are flying high after both of its track coaches weren't just nominated for but were finalists for Division 1 Track Coach of the Year awards.

Girl's track coach Wade Cook and boy's track coach Joe Burgireno were both named finalists by the Michigan High School Track Coaches Association recently—a first-time event for two coaches from the same school.

"They are both really deserving of it," said Romulus Athletics Director Mark Woodson. "They both work hard and deserve the recognition."

All of the Division 1 track coaches in Michigan voted for those they thought should be Coach of the Year. Cook was top four for D-1 girls' coaches and Burgireno was top-five for boys. The coaches gathered in Lansing to choose the winner from the finalists.

Cook and his girls took fourth in the state championship meet last spring. It might have been first but one of his top runners, Landria Buckley, was sick the day of competition.

He said he was surprised by the nomination.

"I guess you never know who is watching and evaluating you," he added. "I guess your character is measured by what you do when you're out of sight. I never knew I was even nominated until I received an email saying that I was a finalist."

Burgireno was just as surprised.

"It's weird for me," he said. "I look at it as

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something that the kids do more than me. I get these kids that are genetically incredible and I just hope that I don't screw them up. I don't think it's anything that I do, they're the ones that do all the work."

However, he recently spent some time in Las Vegas learning more about sprinting and hurdles just so he can coach it better. That has to say something about is work ethic and dedication.

Then again, that's what sets Romulus apart from other programs.

"I think we work harder at Romulus," Burgireno said. "We put in a lot more hours than a lot of other programs."

Although the two coaches are honored, they promise not to let the award go to their heads.

"I'll continue to work hard and keep doing what I have been doing," Cook said. "Nothing will change. We'll keep working and try to win the state championship this year."

Both Cook and Burgireno will have another good shot at the award and should make another good run at the championship this spring.

"I like our chances this year," Cook said. "I only lost two seniors and one of them didn't even run at the state championship. I have all of the other girls coming back."

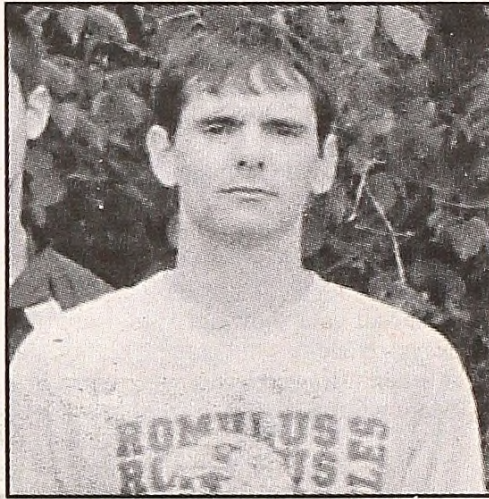
Burgireno, on the other hand, has his entire squad coming back from last year's sixth-place team. That includes Shane Wells, who is ranked No. 2 in the nation in short hurdles; Donzell Carter; Mario Crawford; and Darryl "Buster" White—all top prospects in the state.

"Romulus is rolling," Burgireno said. "We hate losing more than we like winning."

With that said, Romulus could set another new benchmark when its two Coach of the Year finalists both win state championships. They've already proved that nothing is impossible.



Wade Cook



Joe Burgireno

Perfect

FROM PAGE 10

the globe. He played professionally in the Philippines, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Estonia, and Serbia/Montenegro.

Now teaching young athletes is his passion.

"The concept is to take former pro players and to teach kids the right way to play basketball, using strictly fundamentals," Coleman said. "We want to give back to the kids and give them the chance to do

the things that we did in life—use basketball to get their education; use basketball to help them see the world and to do things that they dream about."

John Coleman (no relation) of Van Buren Township couldn't be happier with the program. His six-year old son, Jordan, is now in his seventh session at Perfect Play Inc.

"I really like the camaraderie with the children," he said. "He's with kids his own age and he looks forward to coming every Saturday. The instruction is great—very hands-on and I'm very happy with it."

Perfect Play Inc. was originally based

out of Lifetime Fitness up until they moved to High Velocity Sports' newly renovated and NBA quality courts in Canton about two months ago.

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Perfect Play Inc. offers a range of classes from Simple to Skillful to Creative for every aged student. Depending on the skill level classes cost between \$88 and \$168 per eight-week session. Private tutor-

ing runs \$308 for a package of six sessions per player.

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"I believe that if you come to us you will improve your basketball IQ," Coleman said. "You'll learn something about basketball that you didn't before."

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BOARD OF REVIEW - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN FOR 2007 ASSESSMENTS

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 6, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

March 12, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 14, Wednesday
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To review property assessments for 2007. Taxpayers/property owners may file an appeal of assessment(s) to the Board of Review in **WRITING** without personal appearance. **Letters of appeal must be received on or before March 15, 2007.**

Those taxpayers wishing to **appeal in person**, **please call the Township by March 13, 2007** at 734.699.8946 to set an **APPOINTMENT** to meet with the Board of Review on any of the above dates.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Van Buren Charter Township

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March 01, 2007

THE CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**BID 06/07-20 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER
BID 06/07-21 WEB HOSTING, MAINT. & CONTENT MGMT.
BID 06/07-23 COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE
AND MAINTENANCE**

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/s and/or service/s.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids **must do so on forms provided by the City**. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing or on the City of Romulus Web Site, <http://www.romulusgov.com/index.asp?site=24&item=1441>

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the **City Clerk's Office** no later than 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 07, 2007.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE BID NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED TO:

**BID #
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan, 48174**

(3) At approximately 3:15p.m. said bids shall be publicly opened and read

(4) The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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Attempt to thaw frozen pipes causes blaze that destroys home

Canton Township firefighters weren't able to save a mobile home inside the West Point trailer park last week.

One firefighter twisted his ankle fighting the blaze, but there were no other injuries reported. The family was not at home during the fire.

Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said the

fire started after a resident tried to thaw frozen water pipes using a blow torch.

"Any stuff like that you have to be very, very careful if you're going to use a torch or open flame," he said.

Rorabacher recommended using a hair dryer to unfreeze water pipes, or better yet, call a professional.

A smaller fire had started earlier and was put out by the resident as he was unfreezing the pipes. He later left to pick up another occupant of the home from work, according to Rorabacher.

At 7:54 p.m., a pizza delivery person called 911 to report the home was on fire inside the trailer park, located at 41021

Michigan Ave., Rorabacher said.

"It was a very intense fire on the inside of the home," he said. A crew of 15 firefighters quickly extinguished the flames, but the contents of the home were a total loss.

Rorabacher said the Salvation Army is currently aiding the family.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD FEBRUARY 5, 2007 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: Ellen Craig-Bragg, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Excused: John Barden, William Crova.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-027

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 22, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Bragg, Gear.
Motion Carried.

07-028

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendations of City Planner, Cynthia Lyon, AICP, and grant a one-year extension to Andover Park Special land Use/Preliminary Cluster Plan former resolution #06-007 and Andover Park Lot Depth Waiver former resolution #06-086 due to economic conditions.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3B. No Action Taken

07-029

3C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Romulus Police Department and approve transfer of ownership of a 2006 Class C Licensed Business, and new SDM license along with approval of an Official Food Permit with extended hours of operation to Detroit Hotel Management, located at 31500 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, Reference #368874.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-030

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with City Attorney Barry Seifman and grant authorization to proceed in legal matter.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-031

4B. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Betty Rzemphala.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-032

5A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to concur the Administration, Special Legal Counsel, Stephen J. Hitchcock and adopt a Revised Memorandum of Understanding with the Joint Management Committee (JMC) through December 31, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-033

5A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the Administration and designate Tom Wilson, Department of Public Works Director as the City's designee and Derrick Schueller, Assistant Department of Public Works Director as the alternate designee to the Joint Management Committee (JMC).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-034

5B. Motion by Bragg, supported by Burcroff to authorize payment of our 2007 Fiscal Year Match for the Senior Alliance in the amount of \$3,676.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-035

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the Administration and approve the re-appointment of Cathy Freitag and David Paul to the Romulus Planning Commission with their terms expiring 01/31/10.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-036

5C2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the Administration and approve the appointment of Michael Prybyla to the Romulus Planning Commission, term to expire 1/31/10.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-037

5C3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to adopt a resolution thanking Edward Hathcock for his years of service on the Romulus City Planning Commission.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth. .
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-038

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-21:

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
<u>General Fund</u>				
<u>Revenue</u>				
101-3110-512.57-75	State Grant-Challenge Award	0	4,980	4,980
<u>Expense</u>				
101-3110-731.71-15	Salaries/Wages-Challen.Award	0	4,980	4,980

To set up revenue and expense for Michigan State Police Challenge Award Grant.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-039

5E. Motion by Bragg, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-22:

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
<u>General Fund</u>				
<u>Revenue</u>				
101-3110-731.73-07	Current Op-Byrnes JAG Grant	0	11,167	11,167
<u>Expense</u>				
101-0000-391.00-00	Fund Balance	0	(11,167)	(11,167)

To establish an offsetting expense account for a revenue account added during the 06/07 budgeting process.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-040

6A1 . Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 06/07-20 (to establish an account for the new animal shelter schematic design), introduced at the Council Meeting held January 22, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 5, 2007.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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1. Obituaries



ANGLIN, Eleanore Louise, age 76, died January 28, 2007. Ms. Anglin was born May 27, 1930. She leaves to cherish her memory, two loving daughters, Carolyn Dolphin and Leanne S. Anglin; four grandchildren, Ahman, Meo, Jamelle and Glory; two great grandchildren, Coral and Alexander, plus a host of friends and loved ones. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home and Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



BLACK, Tempy Leroy, age 78, died January 28, 2007. Mr. Black was born March 5, 1928. He leaves to cherish his memory: four daughters, Cheryl, Vanessa, Lisa and Deborah; sons, Terry, Anthony and Dennis; adopted son, Frederick Garrette and Tempy Justin; sisters-in-law, Ardenia, Elizabeth, Malisa and Beverly Meah; nine brothers-in-law, Modoris, Manik, Mashuk, Ranu, Montaz, Amru (Komru who preceded him in death), Akbar and Somru; two sons-in-law, John and Eddie; six granddaughters, Jocelyn, Travion, Chaunel, Ashley, Sara and Akuma; four grandsons, Sammy, Michael, Terry Jr. and Jalen; one aunt, Ethel Scott; special first cousins, Liz, Mary Clay, Christine, Anne L. and John L. Scott; special niece Violet Dubose and a host of other relatives and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Elder Dexter Harney officiating. Interment was at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

DOBRY, Jean, age 73, of Plymouth, MI, passed on February 17, 2007. She was born June 24, 1933 in Syracuse, NY, the only child of Paul and Jean Roderick. In 1957 she married Charles Dobry and moved to Detroit where she started her family. She resided in Plymouth

for the last 36 years. She is survived by her husband Chuck; children Janet (George) Christman, Chuck (Diane), Diana (Chris) Stahl, Paul (Tracie), Tom (Kristen), and JoAnne (Mike) Reynolds and 16 grandchildren, Corinna, Zach, Nat, Racquel, Charles, Ali, Melissa, Cora, Fritz, Whitney, Paul, Emily, Claire, Julia, Gus and last but not least, Mitchell. Jean was a homemaker and volunteer. She was an active member of the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary. In her empty nest years, Jean worked at Zingerman's. She loved gardening, traveling, water aerobics, and most of all, her family and friends. It was our greatest joy that Jean and Chuck celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 2, 2007. Memorials contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, Livonia, MI.



FLOWERS, Harvey William, age 90, died February 1, 2007. Mr. Flowers was born July 30, 1916. He leaves not to mourn, but to cherish his memory: two sons, Tommy Flowers and Herbert Bolden (Annie); five granddaughters, Robin (Derica) Dana, Kyra and Kia (Cedric); eight great grandchildren; two nieces, Florence Macon and Gwendolyn Flowers, and many grand nieces, grand nephews and other relatives and friends. Services were held at the Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Joseph Stephens officiating. At his request, Mr. Flowers was cremation. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

MOSLEY, Helen E. (nee McKinstry), age 90, died Sunday, February 4, 2007. Helen was preceded in death by her husband James "Hap" Mosley in 1942 and by son, C.A. Mosley in 2006. She was also preceded in death by her parents Steve and Mildred (Houston) McKinstry; brothers, Robert and Fred McKinstry; and sisters, Margaret (Bartley) Gorman and Leona (Dill) Kine. She

is survived by daughter-in-law Gail (Watson) Mosley of West Branch, MI and sisters, Elsie (Floyd) Fulford of Wayne, MI and Betty (Don) Banks of Fairview, MI., and several nieces and nephews. She worked many years as an LPN in the psychiatric hospital at Wayne County General Hospital (Eloise) in Westland, MI, and then over 50 combined years at Stein Florist and then Keller and Stein Florist of Canton, MI as bookkeeper. Cremation rites were accorded by Uht Funeral Home of Westland. A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm, Sat. Feb. 24, 2007 at Denton Faith United Methodist Church, 6080 Denton Rd., Belleville, MI (Michigan & Denton). Memorials can be sent to Denton Faith United Methodist Church. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com.



PENN, William Donald, Jr., age 82, died January 30, 2007. He was born April 14, 1924. He leaves to celebrate his life and mourn his passing, his wife Lula Mae Forte Penn; children, Wilma Jean Penn Ruffin (Joel), William Donald Penn III (Rhonda), Carolyn Sereatha Penn Cooper (Kenneth), all of Detroit, MI, Frances Elizabeth Heath Malone of Rockford, IL, Henry Morris Heath, Sr. of Chicago, IL and Delora Forte; sister, Thelma Sereatha Penn Cecil; special daughters-in-law, Versie Mae Mitchell and Ardena Penn; seventeen grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and many friends. Services were held at Faith Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, MI with Rev. Tommie L. Morgan officiating. Interment was at Gethsemane Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

SAUNDERS, Russell R. "Russ", of Grass Lake, age 47, went to be with the Lord on February 14, 2007. He is survived by his loving wife of 9 years Amanda; daughter, Jessica Gregg of Indian River;

stepson, Casey Farmer at home; son, Russell and daughter, Kayla Saunders both at home; mother, Janet (Skip) Kieltyka of Romulus; 4 sisters; 2 brothers; several nieces and nephews; 2 great nephews; 1 great niece; numerous aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his father Russell. Russ enjoyed spending time with family and friends in the fresh outdoors. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jackson County Humane Society. Please sign Russ's guest book at sherwoodfh.com. Final arrangements entrusted to Sherwood Funeral Home, Grass Lake, MI.

5. Announcements

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FOOD

Tea Leaves

FAMILY FEATURES

Tell Big Flavor Tale

Look no further than the message in the tea leaves for the next cutting-edge food trend. If your cup of tea is a relaxing, steaming hot beverage, you're in good company. But if you're a trend seeker, check out the emerging practice of cooking with tea.

Recent research revealed that the latest Boston Tea Party is taking place in the kitchen for some innovative cooks. Interviews conducted* with more than 1,000 home cooks indicated that only one out of nine adults have used tea leaves or brewed tea in cooking. But, once these cooks discover the flavor that tea can bring to so many recipes, they're sold on its benefits. Nearly one out of four surveyed who cooked with tea leaves or brewed tea commonly use them as a key flavor ingredient in salad dressing (24 percent), in a dessert or as a meat rub (17 percent each) or in an entree (16 percent).

It's a secret only some top chefs have used, until now. "From tea-smoked salmon fillet, to herb-tea infused rice dishes, to green-tea flavored ice-cream or sorbet, premium teas are really a secret weapon to adding phenomenal flavor and depth to a variety of dishes," said Thomas Griffiths, Certified Master Chef, professor in nutrition and culinary arts at the Culinary Institute of America's award winning restaurant, St. Andrews Cafe. "In addition to the extraordinary flavor tea can add to a dish, it is a nutritionally sound way to go, as Americans look for ways to eat healthier without sacrificing taste."

Using exquisitely flavored teas, such as the new Lipton® Pyramid Teas, can add exotic flavors to your cooking. Salad dressings and sauces, special beverages, entrees, baked goods and heavenly desserts can all benefit from a boost of flavors from these teas, offering interesting and succulent options to make inspiring dishes.

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So if your cup of tea is sublime flavors, check out the hot new flavor source in a pyramid-shaped tea bag. You can find additional tea-inspired recipes and creative, healthy culinary ideas at www.thebestlife.com, the official Web site for the recently launched Best Life Diet book by Bob Greene, renowned fitness guru and trainer to Oprah Winfrey.

*Interviews were conducted as part of The Tea Leaves Omnibus study by ICR's EXCEL (for Lipton Pyramid Tea). A total of 1,004 interviews were completed with adults between Dec. 8 and Dec. 12, 2006.

Tea Stir-Fry

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

- 1 cup water
- 4 Lipton Green Tea with Mandarin Orange Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons Bertolli Classico Olive Oil, divided
- 1 pound pork tenderloin, cut into thin strips
- 2 cups stir-fry vegetables OR 1 16-ounce package frozen stir-fry vegetables, thawed
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

In 1-quart saucepan, bring water to a boil over high heat. Remove from heat. Add tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze; cool slightly. Stir in soy sauce, brown sugar and cornstarch; set aside.

In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium-high heat and cook pork, stirring occasionally, 4 minutes or until lightly golden; remove and set aside.

In same skillet, heat remaining olive oil and cook vegetables, stirring frequently, 4 minutes or until golden. Add garlic and ginger and cook, stirring occasionally, 1 minute. Stir in tea mixture. Bring to a boil over high heat and cook, stirring occasionally, 1 minute or until sauce is thickened. Return pork to skillet. Reduce heat to low and simmer 2 minutes or until pork is done. Serve, if desired, with hot cooked rice.



Dulce De Leche Tea Pops

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Chill Time: 4 hours

Makes: 8 servings

- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1-1/2 cups half and half
- 4 Lipton Vanilla Caramel Truffle Pyramid Tea Bags
- 1/2 cup sugar

Pour boiling water over tea bags; brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar until dissolved. Add half and half; let cool.

Pour evenly into 8 4-ounce paper cups or ice pop molds. Freeze until almost firm, about 1 hour. Insert popsicle sticks into centers; freeze until firm.

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Spring Greens With Wild Berry Dressing

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

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- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 4 teaspoons granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup Bertolli Classico Olive Oil
- 6 ounces spring mix or salad greens
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 oranges, peeled and sectioned
- 4 ounces herbed goat cheese, sliced
- 1/2 cup toasted chopped pecans

Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze; let cool.

In blender, process tea, shallot, vinegar, sugar and mustard until smooth. While processing, slowly drizzle in olive oil. Season, if desired, with salt and pepper.

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Xtra-LARGE PIZZA

BIG SICILIAN DEEP DISH OR
X-LARG ROMA ROUND
W/CHEESE & 2 ITEMS

\$12.99 Plus Tax w/Coupon

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PAPA'S VALUE DEAL

- LARGE PIZZA W/ 1 ITEM
- FULL ORDER OF BAMBINO BREAD
- 2-LITER PEPSI

\$14.99 Plus Tax w/Coupon

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PAPA TUESDAY SPECIAL

1-Medium Cheese & Pepperoni \$4.99 Plus Tax w/Coupon

1-Large Cheese & Pepperoni \$6.99 Plus Tax w/Coupon

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PAPA'S PLEASERS

- 1-Medium Specialty Pizza
- 1-Medium Pizza w/ 1 Item

\$14.99 Plus Tax w/Coupon

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